

Radford City Police Department



2014 Annual Report

Don Goodman, Chief of Police

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Letter from Chief Don Goodman

The following pages detail the activity conducted by the Radford City Police Department including crime statistics and graph analysis.

Our mission statement says that, “We will serve daily with Courage, Order and Pride.” This report bears this out. I am proud and blessed to serve with such a dedicated group of officers and employees. They perform their duties as if their job is a calling. To most it is.

We serve the City in challenging times. In spite of these trials, we stand committed to work with our community to keep her safe. We are fortunate to have a state of the art public safety facility and cutting edge technology. There is no doubt that this aids in our success. However, no building or program can take the place of the dedicated men and women, officers and civilians alike, who strive to honorably perform their duties.

I hope this report gives you an insight into our work.

Sincerely,

Don Goodman
Chief of Police

Mission Statement

**THE RADFORD CITY POLICE DEPARTMENT
WILL STRIVE TO ENHANCE QUALITY OF LIFE BY
PROVIDING PROFESSIONAL LAW
ENFORCEMENT SERVICE TO OUR CITIZENS,
BUSINESSES, AND VISITORS THROUGH A
SHARED RESPONSIBILITY WITH OUR
COMMUNITY. WE WILL SERVE DAILY WITH
COURAGE, ORDER AND PRIDE.**

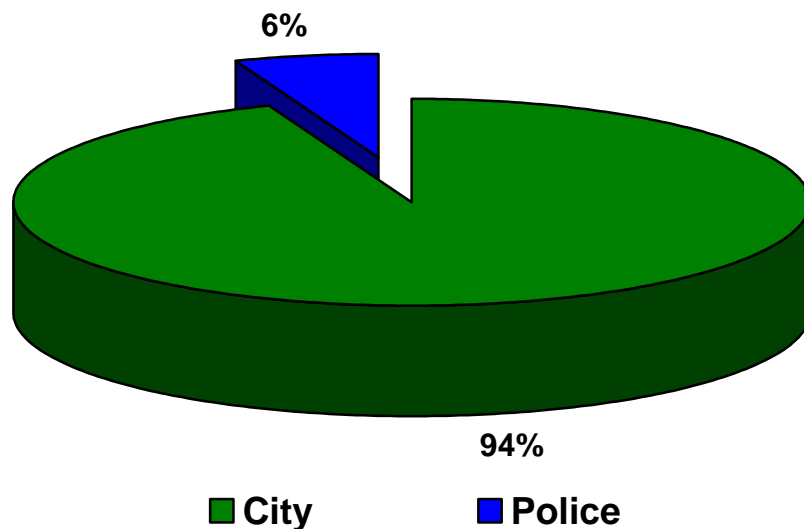
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Police Operations
2013-2014 FY Budget

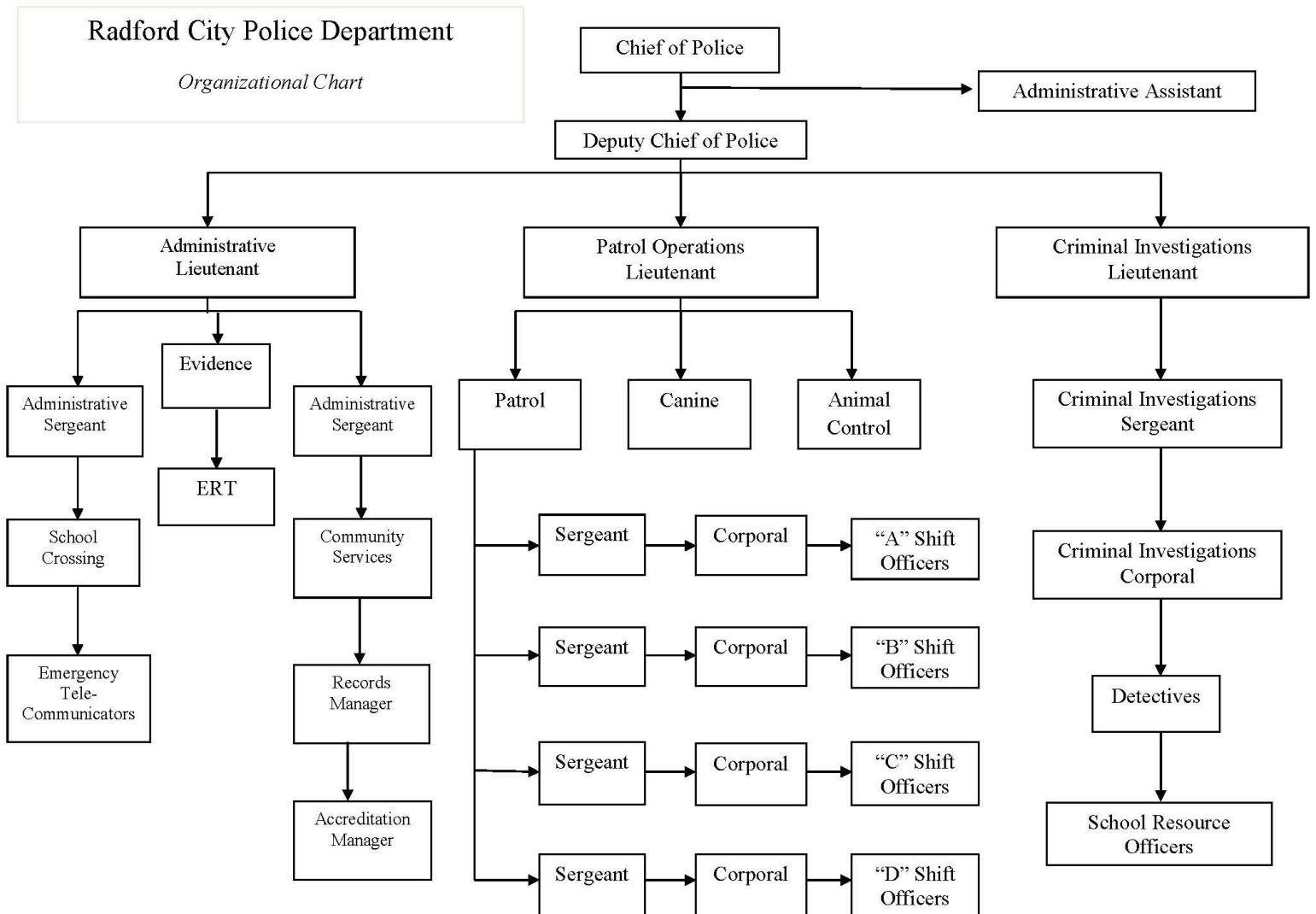
\$3,764,861

City of Radford's
2013-2014 FY Total Budget

\$59,411,375



Organizational Flow Chart



Administrative Bureau

Administrative Lieutenant

- The role of Administrative Lieutenant was taken over by Lieutenant R.S. Schwarzer on July 1, 2014.
- 2014 accomplishments:
 - Due to the change of Lieutenants, an evidence audit was conducted by the former Administrative Lieutenant P.J. Rutzinski in conjunction with Lt. R.S. Schwarzer. This audit was conducted over a period of one month. The audit yielded results well below the allowable error factor.
 - Lt. Schwarzer has proactively worked with our Records Management System vendor to learn how to most effectively use the software to streamline the processing of evidence.
 - Construction of the Creekside Pistol Range, a cooperative venture with the Boy Scouts of America at Camp Powhatan has been completed.

Administrative Sergeant

- The role of Administrative Sergeant is held by Sgt. KW Ford. Sgt. Ford is responsible for overseeing Records and Accreditation, along with arranging and carrying out all extradition of located prisoners back to the City of Radford. In addition to these responsibilities, he oversees the use of trustees from New River Valley Regional Jail to carry out cleaning and maintenance matters in the Public Safety Building along with other city offices and buildings.
- Sgt. Ford and other members of the Department performed 6 extraditions in 2014, bringing those persons back to Radford to face charges placed in our jurisdiction.
- 2014 accomplishments regarding building services:
 - Public Safe Building garage door repair
 - Completion of the new baseball field to include seeding of the grounds
 - Soccer field repair
 - Construction of a new office in the Public Safety Building for the Public Information Officer
 - Installation of an air compressor system for the Radford City Police Department
 - Recarpeting of a very large percentage of the City Municipal Building
 - Renovation of the Circuit Court Judge's office

Accreditation

- Accreditation Manager Gail Sojka continued to work on our files to maintain our standards for accreditation. We completed our fourth reaccreditation in January, 2014, achieving a 0% return on compliance files. In addition, she assisted various other agencies across the Commonwealth with mock accreditations and reaccreditations of their agencies and served as the chair of the Accreditation Commission's Training Committee.

Records

- 2014 accomplishments:
 - In 2014, Radford City Police Department was able to procure money via a grant provided by the Attorney General of Virginia. Part of the funds from the grant are being used for converting all paper records into digital records. In working with a scanning software vendor, the old police investigation files are in the process of being scanned into an easily searchable and usable database. This rather large project is a big undertaking but will prove to bring Radford Police Department into the future by allowing us to plan ahead to meet the requirements of the Library of Virginia for keeping most of these records for a minimum of 35 years to a maximum of 100 of years.
 - In addition to tending to the records of the Radford City Police Department, Records Manager Sonia Ramsey also represents the city by serving as Treasurer of the Virginia Crime Analysis Network and serves on the Community Services Training Advisory Committee for the Department of Justice Services. She taught two classes in 2014 on Rudimentary Crime Analysis to students consisting of personnel from various law enforcements agencies across the Commonwealth.

Communications

- 2014 Accomplishments
 - The Communications Division was returned to full staff in 2014
 - A very out-dated server was replaced for Records Management, Dispath modules, and Mobile Data software
 - New touch screen monitors were bought and installed for use with the phone and radio communications systems

Community Services

- Radford City Police Department held it's Sixth Annual Citizens Police Academy. We were proud to have eight (8) graduates of this class.
- Radford Police Department offers a Ride-Along program in which citizens can shadow a police officer during a normal working shift. This program is offered to any citizen who wishes to participate and is in good standing. In 2014, 52 citizens participated in ride-alongs with various patrol officers of the department.

School Crossing Guard

- Carolyn Woolwine is a part-time employee for the Radford City Police Department and has served as a School Crossing Guard for McHarg Elementary School and Radford High School. In 2014, Carolyn was awarded the recognition of being one of six "Most Outstanding Crossing Guards of 2013". This award was given by the Safe Routes to School Program with the Virginia Department of Transportation.

Emergency Response Team (ERT)

- The team trains a minimum of two (2) days per month, some of which is done in conjunction with other New River Valley tactical units.
- In 2014, the team continued to assist other Department personnel with high risk arrests and search warrants. For the sixth year, they also assisted the Virginia Tech Police Department with sniper/observer elements and anti-terrorism patrol at all home football games.
- Four new team members were selected to fill two vacancies on the team and to add two new members as well.

Criminal Investigations Bureau

Criminal Investigations Lieutenant

- The role of Criminal Investigations Lieutenant was assumed by Lieutenant P.J. Rutzinski in July, 2015 following a rotating of Lieutenants and their assignments.

Criminal Investigations (General)

- The Criminal Investigations Bureau worked a variety of cases to include: death investigations, robberies, sexual assaults, burglaries, and larcenies.
- Noteworthy cases of 2014:
 - Home invasion robbery that occurred in the 100 block of East Main Street
 - Robbery in which \$14,000 was stolen and the victim was hospitalized with injuries. Subjects were apprehended and charged appropriately.
 - A suspect was arrested and charged with numerous counts of Carnal Knowledge of a 13-14 year old, Indecent Liberties with a Minor, and Possession of Child Pornography
 - Arrests were made following several Burglaries of residences which occurred during the Radford University winter break
- Two (2) cases were worked in cooperation with the Virginia State Police and the Federal Bureau of Investigations in which explosives were found within the city and subsequently destroyed.
- Criminal Investigations continues to lead the way in the region for technological advancements to include cell phone analysis and the use of our in-house lab for evidence processing.
- Detectives continue to advance their knowledge by seeking and attending schools and specialized training

Narcotics

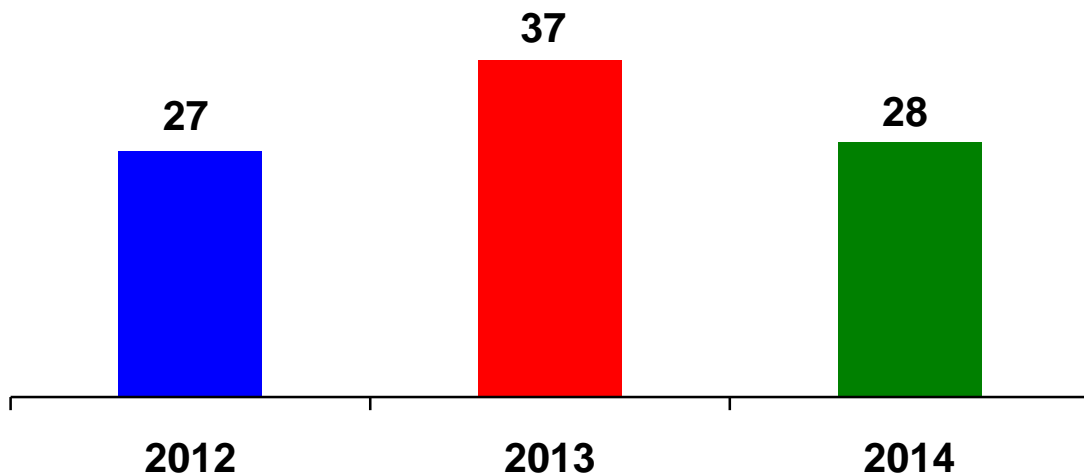
- A new in-house Narcotics unit was established in 2014 when the Radford City Police Department separated from the Claytor Lake Regional Task Force. The unit is run by Corporal E.B. Marting and Detective J.L. Smith. In addition to narcotics, the unit handles violent crimes and warrant service
- 2014 accomplishments
 - A new transmitter / recorder was procured along with a receiver, repeater, and wire for use by the new unit.
 - The largest seizure in the Commonwealth was conducted by the unit. A traffic stop that began in Radford led to an investigation in which a DMT lab was seized. DMT is a power psychedelic drug and 500 grams had already been produced at the time of seizure.
 - In a joint investigation with the New River Regional Drug Task Force, a search warrant was executed in the 300 block of Clement Street. Items seized include:
 - \$14,795
 - 80 different scheduled narcotics
 - 1 ounce hash
 - 2 ounces marijuana
 - ½ ounce mushrooms
 - 28 firearms
- 2014 Seizures

| Controlled Substance | Total Weight of Substances Purchased and/or Seized In City of Radford |
|------------------------------------|---|
| Marijuana | 2 Pounds/17 Plants |
| Cocaine | 18.5 Grams |
| MDMA/Molly | 45 Grams |
| LSD | 16 Hits |
| Schedule I | 1 pill |
| Schedule II | 37 Pills/Tablets |
| Schedule III | 26 Pills/Tablets |
| Schedule IV | 645 Pills/Tablets |
| Hallucinogens / Psyclobin | 56 Grams |
| Heroin | 1.15 Grams/5 hypodermic needles |
| Hash Oil | 3 Grams |
| Hash | 1.2 Ounces |
| DMT Lab | 1 Lab/2 Grams |
| Number of Search Warrants Executed | 14 |
| Total Amount of Money Seized | \$22,305.85 |
| Vehicles Seized | 1 |
| Weapons Seized | 31 Rifles/Handguns |

School Resource Officer

- SRO Jerry Hendricks retired from the Radford City Police Department. He served the schools for many years and will be missed by the department as well as the Radford School System.
- We currently have one full time School Resource Office and one open position.
- One patrol officer works in the schools in a rotating basis to cover the elementary schools during normal school operational hours
- Everyday duties of the School Resource Officer:
 - Control disruptive students
 - Meet with and educate parents and guardians
 - Offer guidance in respect to truancy and children in need of services
 - Provide lead investigations in crimes that occur in the schools

Major Crimes in the School



Patrol Operations

Patrol Lieutenant

- Patrol was taken over by Lieutenant R.A. Wilburn in July, 2014. He has worked diligently with his Sergeants and Corporals as well as patrol staff to make the transition as smooth as possible.

Patrol Operations

- Consists of four (4) platoons made up of a Sergeant, a Corporal, and 4 Patrol Officers.
- Four (4) officers were hired during 2014.
- Community Events
 - Cops and Kids (sponsored by the Fraternal Order of Police)
 - Run with the Law 5K
 - Polar Plunge
 - Torch Run
 - National Ride of Silence (hosted by the New River Bicycle Association and Pathways of Radford)
- Training
 - Radford patrol officers participated in four (4) major regional training exercises along with other emergency services personnel
 - Uniformed officers completed over 500 hours of special training in various areas.
 - Five (5) officers became Certified Field Trainers
 - Four (4) officers became Certified General Instructors
- Special Events
 - Annual Fourth of July celebration
 - Radford City Christmas Parade
 - Highlander Festival
 - After 5 Concert Series
 - Over 550 hours were dedicated to grant work using monies supplied by the Department of Motor Vehicles for alcohol enforcement.

Animal Control

- Continues to make improvements to facility utilizing volunteers in the community.
 - Kennel improvements were made
 - Window replacement
 - Alpha Sigma Alpha and Beta Iota Chapter cleared weeds and planted flowers under the signage at the entrance to the facility
- Statistics
 - 145 pet adoptions
 - 90 animals returned to owner
 - 32 animals transferred to another agency, such as a rescue mission
- Services provided

- 62 spays/neuters were provided at no cost or low cost via our funding program
- The pet pantry was available to individuals with low or no income
- 6 dog houses were donated for low or no income individuals
- Straw was provided for free of charge during inclement weather
- Training products were given to households to help ensure animals remained in homes and were not surrendered due to minor behavioral issues
- Special events
 - Zombie After Dark- in partnership with RU students, a 5K was done in which participants dressed as zombies
 - A litter of puppies born were fostered by volunteers due to the necessity to be bottle fed
 - Home for the Holidays – resulted in adoption of animals and also helped to pay for 50 vaccinations which will be used on shelter animals
 - Christmas Tree donations were numerous this year
 - Online fundraisers in which proceeds were give to the Animal Shelter
 - Pink Zebra
 - Pampered Chef
 - Thirty One

K-9 Unit

- Utilized by Radford City Police Department and surrounding jurisdictions for detection of narcotics and explosives and also for tracking and apprehension.
- K-9 officers received over 584 hours of training
- Community service included five (5) demonstrations given for various events

Complaints / Compliments

- Thirteen (13) total complaints
 - Four (4) were founded and appropriate discipline was taken
 - Seven (7) were unfounded
 - Two (2) were Unsustained (investigation was unable to yield true events)
- Eight (8) letters of compliments were received

Crime Analysis and Statistics

Group A Offenses

- Group "A" offenses are considered major crimes and are reported to the State as Uniform Crime Reporting Offenses. We will compare 2014 to 2013.

| Group A Offense | 2013 | 2014 | % change |
|--|------|------|----------|
| HOMICIDE | 0 | 0 | - |
| KIDNAPPING | 4 | 9 | 125% |
| Rape | 9 | 18 | 100% |
| Forcible Sodomy | 2 | 3 | 50% |
| Sexual Assault w/ object | 2 | 2 | - |
| Forcible Fondling | 8 | 21 | 163% |
| TOTAL FORCIBLE SEX OFFENSES | 21 | 44 | 110% |
| ROBBERY | 7 | 9 | 29% |
| Aggravated Assaults | 53 | 55 | 4% |
| Simple Assaults | 207 | 186 | -10% |
| Intimidation | 18 | 16 | -11% |
| TOTAL ASSAULTS | 278 | 257 | -8% |
| ARSON | 2 | 10 | 400% |
| EXTORTION | 1 | 1 | - |
| BURGLARY / BREAKING AND ENTERING | 78 | 77 | -1% |
| Pocket Picking | - | - | - |
| Purse Snatching | - | - | - |
| Shoplifting | 36 | 38 | 6% |
| Theft from a building | 32 | 21 | -34% |
| Theft from a coin operated machine | 5 | 0 | -100% |
| Theft from a motor vehicle | 66 | 85 | 29% |
| Theft of motor vehicle parts and accessories | 15 | 25 | 67% |
| All other larcenies | 187 | 138 | -26% |
| TOTAL LARCENIES | 341 | 307 | -10% |
| MOTOR VEHICLE THEFT | 11 | 11 | - |

*The percentage is not calculable due to division by 0

| Group A Offense | 2013 | 2014 | % change |
|---|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| COUNTERFEITING / FORGERY | 28 | 25 | -12% |
| False pretenses / Swindle / Confidence Game | 75 | 60 | -20% |
| Credit Card / ATM Fraud | 28 | 22 | -21% |
| Impersonation | 26 | 17 | -35% |
| Welfare Fraud | - | - | - |
| Wire Fraud | - | - | - |
| TOTAL FRAUD | 129 | 99 | -23% |
| EMBEZZLEMENT | 3 | 4 | 33% |
| STOLEN PROPERTY OFFENSES | 5 | 3 | -40% |
| DESTRUCTION / DAMAGE / VANDALISM | 233 | 244 | 5% |
| Drug / Narcotic Offenses | 300 | 263 | -12% |
| Drug Equipment Violations | 153 | 133 | -13% |
| TOTAL NARCOTIC VIOLATIONS | 453 | 396 | -13% |
| Incest | 0 | 1 | N/C* |
| Statutory Rape | - | - | - |
| TOTAL NON-FORCIBLE SEX OFFENSES | 0 | 1 | N/C* |
| PORNOGRAPHY / OBSCENE MATERIALS | 3 | 3 | - |
| Betting / Wagering | - | - | - |
| Operating / Promoting / Assisting Gambling | - | - | - |
| Gambling Equipment Offenses | - | - | - |
| Sports Tampering | - | - | - |
| TOTAL GAMBLING OFFENSES | - | - | - |
| Prostitution | 0 | 1 | N/C* |
| Assisting or Promoting Prostitution | - | - | - |
| TOTAL PROSTITUTION OFFENSES | 0 | 1 | N/C* |
| BRIBERY | 0 | 1 | N/C* |
| WEAPONS LAW VIOLATIONS | 17 | 24 | 41% |
| GRAND TOTALS | 1615 | 1526 | -6% |

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Group B Offenses

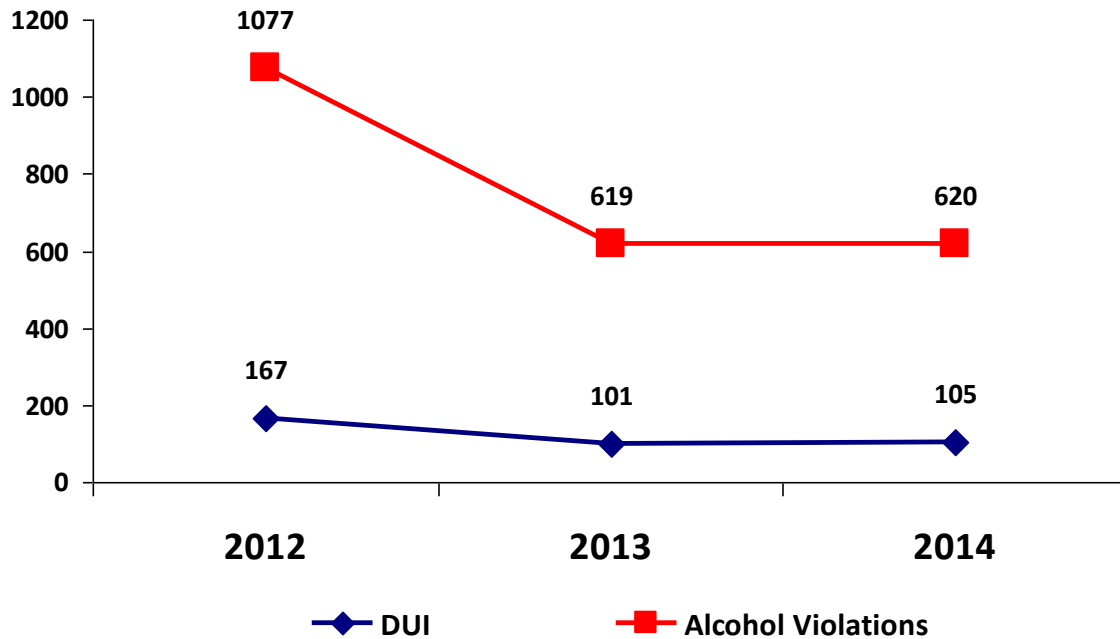
- Group B offenses are crimes that are not “major” in nature, but are serious offenses that require as much manpower and attention as Group “A” offenses. These are reportable to the state only when an arrest is made.

| Group B Offense | 2013 | 2014 | % change |
|--|------------|------------|-----------|
| Bad Checks | 21 | 14 | -33% |
| Curfew/Loitering/Vagrancy Violation | 1 | 1 | - |
| Disorderly Conduct | 26 | 19 | -27% |
| Family Offenses, Non-Violent | 52 | 74 | 42% |
| Peeping Tom | - | - | - |
| Runaway | 31 | 21 | -32% |
| Trespassing | 19 | 38 | 100% |
| Conspiracy to Commit a Group “A” offense | 17 | 25 | 47% |
| Conspiracy to Commit a Group “B” offense | - | - | - |
| All Other Reportable Offenses | 441 | 459 | 4% |
| GRAND TOTALS | 608 | 651 | 7% |

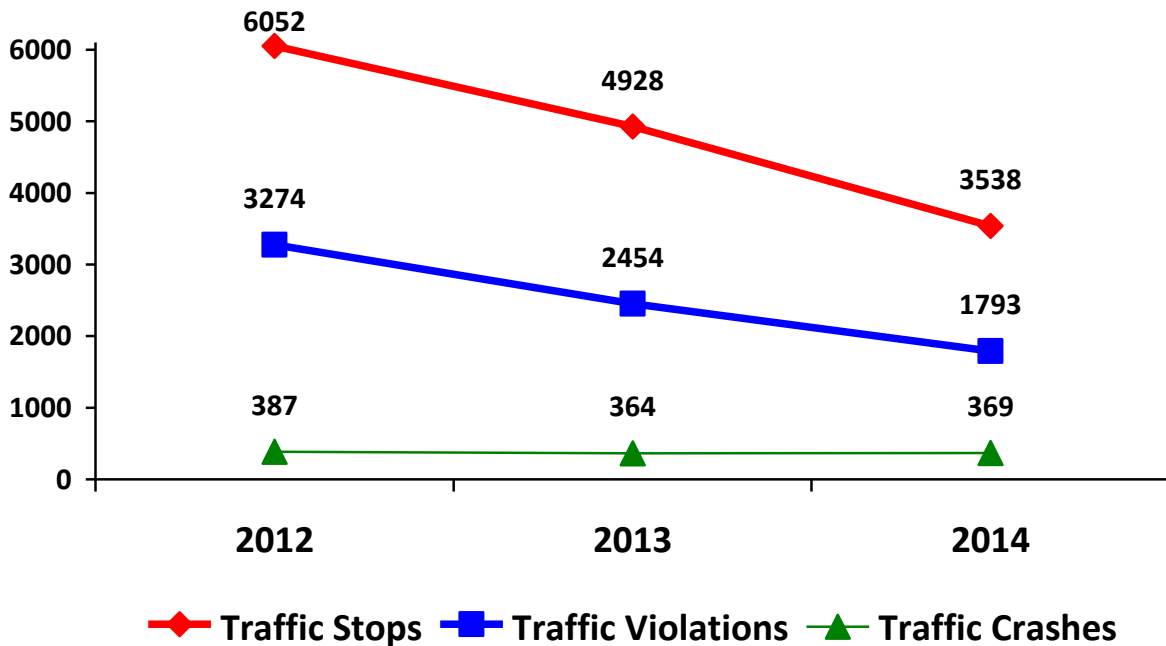


Alcohol Violations

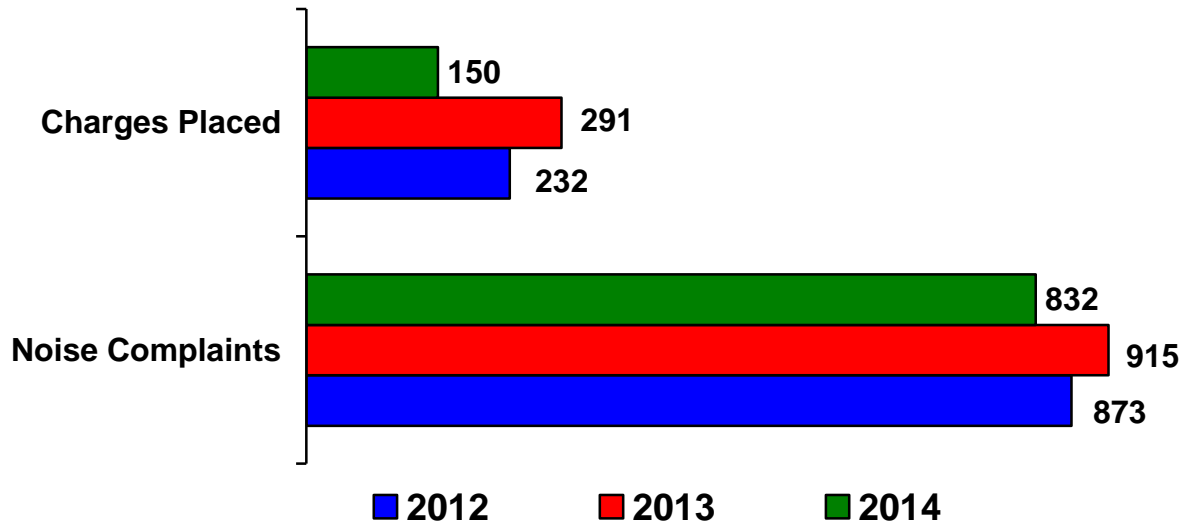
- To include:
 - Drunk in Public
 - Underage Possession Of Alcohol
 - Open Container of Alcohol in Public
 - Any other alcohol offense charge
- DUI's are not included in general Alcohol Violations



Traffic Statistics

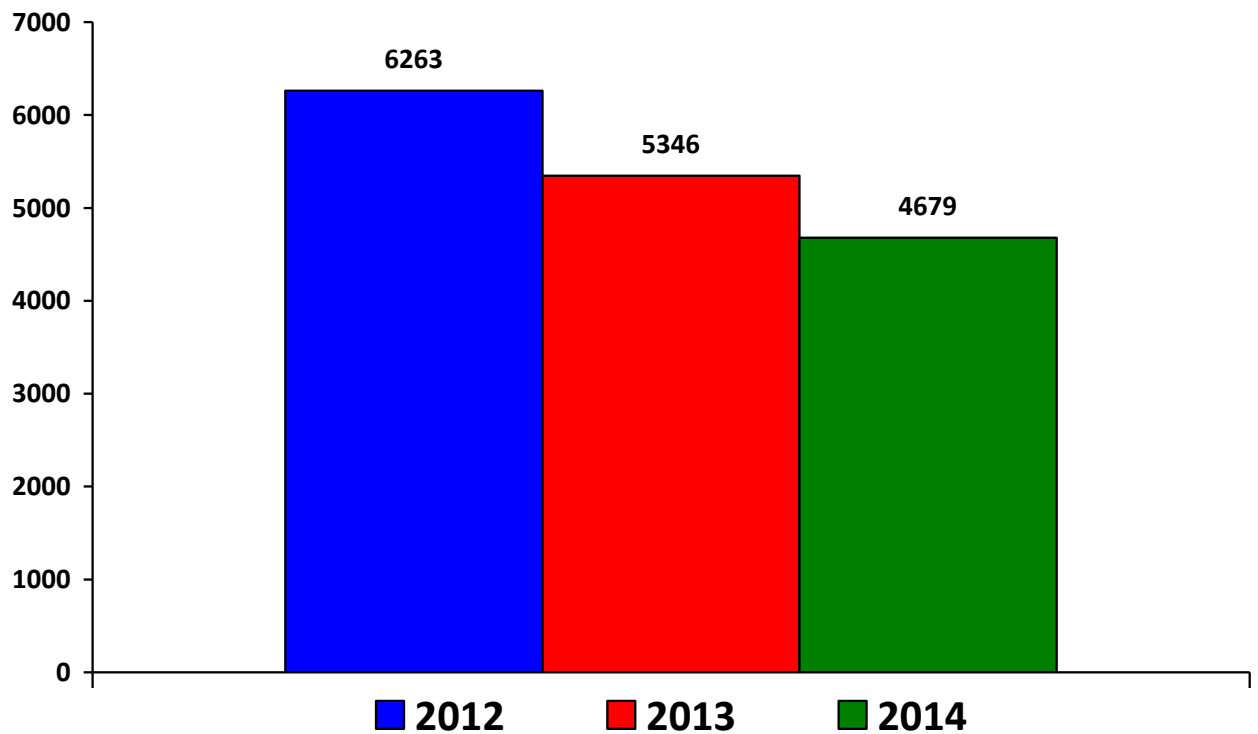


Noise Complaints and Charges Placed



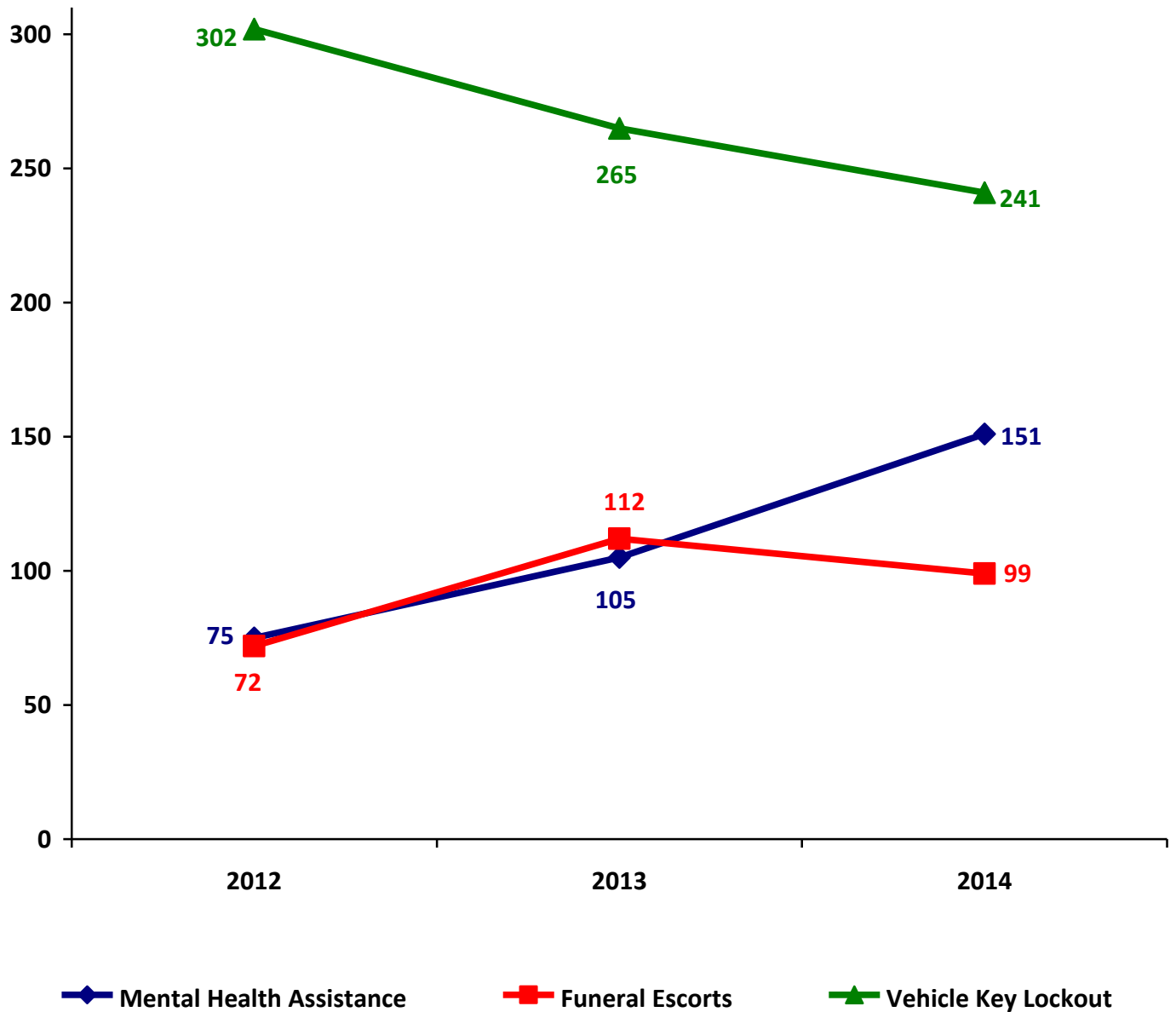
Arrest Totals

- Includes citations and physical arrests in which subject is taken into custody



Community Services

- The Radford City Police Department provides several non-criminal community services such as
 - Car Seat Installation
 - Non-Violent Family Matters
 - Civil Disputes
 - Traffic Control
 - Other services not specified here or below



Conclusion

The Office of Records Management at the Radford City Police Department, along with Chief Don Goodman, thanks you for your time in reading our **2014 Annual Report**.

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